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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/23/2017 7:28:01 PM  
**To:** Vranka, Joe [vranka.joe@epa.gov]; Cirian, Mike [Cirian.Mike@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Moler, Robert [Moler.Robert@epa.gov]; Faulk, Libby [Faulk.Libby@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]; Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Media Questions: Anaconda Aluminum (CFAC) Phase 1 Site Characterization Report

I sent him the approved response (below) but he is asking for assistance in understanding the technical report. I think Mike or someone can do that. Just be mindful not to go into any speculation concerning EPA's budget. He may also want EPA's "perspective" on the report and I understand we are still reviewing it so minimize that aspect (and keep it confined to what Mike shared with MTPR – see summary below).

**Approved response sent to Daily Interlake:**

*CFAC has provided EPA with the draft of the Phase I "Data Summary Report" and Screening level Ecological Risk . We are in the process of reviewing the report. A copy is currently being made for the repository in the Columbia Falls Library, and CFAC is making it available electronically. Upon completion of our review we will use this information to help guide any changes necessary on the next phase of sampling.*

*EPA will be meeting with Columbia Falls City council on April 17<sup>th</sup> and joining the Community Liaison Panel public meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**Summary of MTPR interview:**

Eric wanted to hear about the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) and what concerns the community has expressed thus far. Mike relayed there were concerns about contaminants and the future of the site and its impact on business in Columbia Falls. Eric asked about how the community could comment and where to find the plan. Referring to Phase I of the draft Data Summary Report, Eric asked what the data shows. Mike indicated that the 7000 page report had not yet been fully analyzed but that it will have results from wells, surface water, groundwater and sediment sampling efforts. Mike said that the data is not showing anything we hadn't seen already and that there were no results that indicated a need for immediate action. Fluoride, cyanide and metals were found as expected. Mike also mentioned that the data show that the contaminants are not moving downstream to Aluminum City. The reporter asked whether the current administration/budget changes will impact the site and Mike responded that due to the settlement with the PRP the work to be done between now and 2021 when the feasibility study should be complete would not be impacted by the administration and that the Superfund process and negotiations would determine the outcome after that point.

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**From:** Vranka, Joe  
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**Subject:** Media Questions: Anaconda Aluminum (CFAC) Phase 1 Site Characterization Report

Hi, Mike:

Sam Wilson (Daily Interlake) has also left messages for me and at least one other person in this office. We don't know what his questions are. Do you have a copy of CFAC's press release? Did they release the report? Where is it available? Those questions might be a good place to start before someone contacts him to see what he needs and when.

Thanks,

Joe

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**From:** Cirian, Mike

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**Subject:** FW: CFAC phase 1 site characterization report

Hi Lisa,

Can I get some guidance here, they have tried calling my office three times in the last hour. I'm on a conference call so I haven't been able to answer them.

Please respond quickly or let them know you have this.

Thanks

Mike

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**Subject:** CFAC phase 1 site characterization report

Mike-

CFAC has released the report. Would like to speak with someone at the EPA office to confirm and get some perspective, so please get a hold of me at the phone numbers listed below when you get this.

Thanks,

Sam

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